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© Nam Y. Huh, Associated Press United Airlines employees work at ticket counters in Terminal 1 at O'Hare International Airport in Chicago, on Oct. 14, 2020.

United Airlines announced Friday that staffers who are granted religious exemptions for the company's new COVID-19 vaccination mandate will be put on temporary unpaid leave.

- The unpaid leave shift begins on Oct. 2.

## Who will get unpaid leave for United Airlines?

The rule will apply to all employees who receive an exemption — no matter what role they hold in the company. This will apply until “specific safety measures for unvaccinated employees are instituted,” the airline wrote.

- “(We) can no longer allow unvaccinated people back into the workplace until we better understand how they might interact with our customers and their vaccinated co-workers,” the company said in a memo, according to CNBC.

Per CBS News, medical staffers — including nurses — will judge whether or not someone will receive a medical exemption for the vaccine. Requests for the religious exemptions are handled by office employees, though, according to CBS News.

### Does United Airlines require vaccination?

In early August, United Airlines announced it would soon require its 67,000 employees to be vaccinated against COVID-19, as I wrote for the Deseret News.

- At the time, United Airlines said employees could risk termination if they’re not vaccinated against the coronavirus, per CNBC.

### Can you get a vaccine exemption because of religion?

Religious exemptions for the COVID-19 vaccine remain a hot topic right now because there are so many mandates starting to pop up, according to the Deseret News.

A recent Supreme Court ruling — which came in June through the Catholic foster care agency — said that officials can offer religious exemptions to laws that make other accommodations for workers. Mandates will fit that description.

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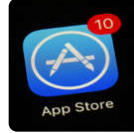
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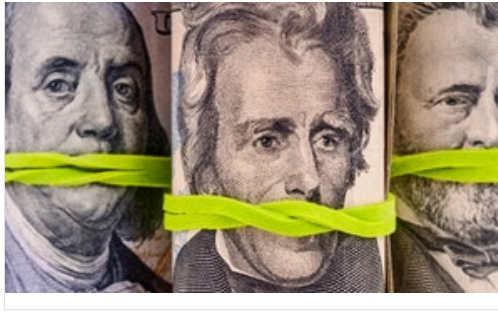
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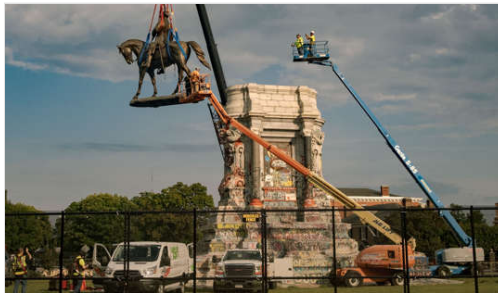
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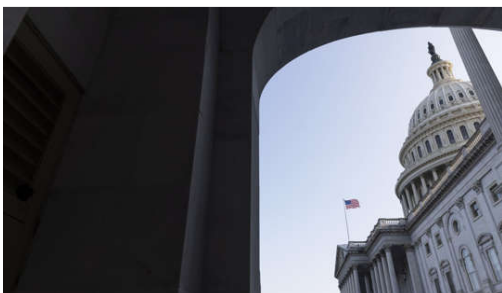


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